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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains reports on the following legislation of County interest related to parks and rivers:

- **AB 446 (Ridley-Thomas)** - related to the repealing the January 1, 2018 sunset date of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act.
- **AB 530 (Rendon)** - related to establishment of a working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower Los Angeles River.
- **AB 1251 (Gomez)** - related to the development of greenways adjacent to existing urban waterways.
- **AB 317 (De León)** - related to the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which would seek voter approval to issue State General Obligation Bonds for parks, rivers, and coastal protection programs.
- **SB 355 (Lara)** - related to the membership of the Board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

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### **Status of County-Interest Legislation**

**AB 446 (Ridley-Thomas)**, which as introduced on February 23, 2015, would eliminate the January 1, 2018 repeal date for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, which establishes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and provide recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational uses. AB 446 is pending referral to a policy committee.

**AB 530 (Rendon)**, which as introduced on February 23, 2015, would: 1) require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to appoint, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, a local working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower Los Angeles River; 2) specify a prescribed membership for the working group, including, among others, representatives from Los Angeles County, and elected officials of the cities riparian to the Los Angeles River; and 3) require, by March 1, 2017, the working group to develop, through watershed-based planning methods, a revitalization plan that addresses the unique and diverse needs of the Lower Los Angeles River, that is consistent with, enhances, and is incorporated into the Los Angeles County Master Plan, and that includes watershed education programs. AB 530 is pending referral to a policy committee.

**AB 1251 (Gomez)**, which as introduced on February 27, 2015, would enact the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act and would authorize tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire and hold a conservation easement if the organizations have as their primary purpose the development of a greenway, as defined. The bill would also include greenways in the definition of "open-space land" for local planning purposes. AB 1251 is similar to **County-supported AB 1922 of 2014**, which died in the Senate Appropriations Committee. AB 1251 is pending referral to a policy committee.

**SB 317 (De León)**, which as introduced on February 23, 2015, would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016 which would authorize the issuance of bonds, in an unspecified amount, to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection programs. This measure would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to pass. If enacted, SB 317 would be placed on the November 8, 2016 statewide general election ballot for voter approval.

SB 317 is similar to **County-supported SB 1086 of 2014**, which would have authorized the sale of bonds to support safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection programs. That measure was placed on the Senate Appropriations inactive file by Senator De León in August 2014. SB 317 is pending referral to a policy committee.

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**SB 355 (Lara)**, which as introduced on February 27, 2015, would reconstitute the Board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy by: 1) replacing one voting member from the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities with a resident of a city bordering the Lower Los Angeles River (appointed by the Senator Committee on Rules); 2) increasing the number of non-voting members from seven to nine, to be a member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; and 3) requiring that those legislators represent a district that is at least partially contained within the territory of the conservancy and participate in activities of the conservancy only to the extent that participation is compatible with his or her duties as a legislator. SB 355 is pending referral to a policy committee.

This office is working with the Departments of Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, and Parks and Recreation to analyze these bills and provide information on the potential impact to the County.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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